

**COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR STABILIZING SURFACE BOUND
PROBES**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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The present invention provides a probe composition, including (a) a substrate;
(b) a probe molecule attached to the substrate; and (c) a stabilization polymer layer on
the substrate, wherein said stabilization polymer layer coats the probe molecule. Also
provided are methods for making and shipping a solid-phase probe having a

10 stabilization polymer layer.